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Introduction

Africa Education Trust (AET), a scholarship agency established in 1958 and funded by Nordic countries, provides full scholarships to South African and Namibian students abroad to complete their education.

Programmes

The programme accepts students at all levels and in all subjects, particularly in the fields of technology, administration and teaching.

Cooperation with other organizations

Southern African Education Group, United Kingdom Council on Overseas Student Affairs, Africa Committee of the British Refugee Council.

Update

AET currently has 146 South African students full time.

It will not set up an operation in South Africa and intends to include more students from other countries in Africa.

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Introduction

The mission of the African-American Institute (AAI) is to foster development in Africa, primarily through the strengthening of its human resources, and to promote mutual understanding between Africans and Americans.

Programmes

One of AAI's priority training activities for the past three decades has been providing educational assistance to refugees from Southern Africa. The Institute's programmes have sponsored some 3,000 refugees at the secondary school level and more than 1,500 at post-secondary schools and universities in 15 African countries and 47 States in the United States.

AAI's assistance to exiles is administered under the Southern African Training Programme (SATP), which was established in 1976 to respond to the educational needs of refugees from Namibia, South Africa and Zimbabwe. Since then, with funding from the United States State Department's Bureau for Refugees, 394 South Africans have been sponsored under SATP.

In 1991, 41 South African and Namibian students were training under SATP, 29 of them in Africa and 12 in the United States. These students pursued high priority fields of training in accounting, business, education, health, public administration, social work, and technology, among other areas. In 1992, 17 students will continue under SATP sponsorship. There have been no new scholarships awarded under this programme since

1990.

In its continuing effort to strengthen Black educational institutions in South Africa, AAI's South African University Faculty Skills Enhancement Programme, with support from the Ford Foundation, has brought over 20 visiting faculty and graduate students from the University of the Western Cape in South Africa to study for six months at United States graduate institutions including Harvard, Syracuse, Vanderbilt, Berkeley, and New York University. In 1992, the programme, which is now jointly administered by AAI and the Educational Opportunities Council, will be expanded to 20 scholars and will include participants from the Universities of Durban-Westville, Fort Hare, and the North. Joint funding for the initiative will be provided by the Ford Foundation and the United Nations Centre against Apartheid.

AAI also publishes "SASPOST", a 16-page newsletter for Southern Africans in North America through a grant from the Ford Foundation. Via bimonthly distribution to over 2,200 readers in the United States and Canada, SASPOST offers a constant flow of information on funding and training opportunities, commentary by prominent Southern Africans and news clippings from Western and African journals. Recent contributors to SASPOST include the Reverend Frank Chikane; University of Namibia Vice-Chancellor designate Peter Katjavivi; and the author, Mbulelo Mzamane.

Cooperation with other organizations

Educational Opportunities Council, Johannesburg; Southern Africa Freedom through Education Fund, United States of America; United Nations Educational and Training Programme for Southern Africa; Universities of Durban-Westville, Fort Hare, the North and the Western Cape.

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Introduction

The African Arts Fund, Inc. (AAF) was established in 1985 to assist those South African artists who, because of apartheid and its legacy, have no access to artistic training and are unable to extend their artistic horizons, to study in the United States.

Programmes

AAF offers: (a) a scholarship programme to South African artists to pursue in the United States master's degrees and specialized training not available inside South Africa; (b) a cultural fellows exchange programme that brings South African experts to the United States to transfer skills and systems management for eventual training inside South Africa.

Tuition waivers are obtained from institutions and colleges in the United States and AAF assumes responsibility for living expenses, health insurance, books, and provides a network of contacts.

Cooperation with other organizations

Cultural community groups in South Africa

Update

For the academic year beginning in September 1991, AAF had Bachelor of Arts Degree scholarships available at Stetson University for Music and Franklin & Marshall College for Dance & Theatre. Three Master of Arts scholarships were available: at the University of Texas at Austin in Music, at Tufts University in Fine Arts, and at Carnegie Mellon University in Drama.

Since 1991, AAF has expanded its programme by supporting cultural training within South Africa.

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Introduction

Africare, a private non-profit organization, has since 1971 supported African development projects in a variety of areas, such as agriculture, health, etc. In 1989, Africare initiated the South Africa Career Development Internship Program (CDI).

Programmes

CDI provides Black South African students who are completing their degrees at United States colleges and universities with practical work experience relevant to their career objectives. Following their graduation, Africare helps to place applicants for six-months internships designed to match their area of academic preparation in both the profit and nonprofit sectors.

Priority fields include business administration, banking and finance, economics, law, computer sciences, medical sciences, natural sciences (chemistry, physics, etc.), engineering, education, journalism and communications, architecture and urban planning, public administration, and social work. Reentry workshops and leadership training seminars are also important components of the internship.

Update

By the end of 1991, Africare had awarded over 200 practical training internships through its programme.

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Programmes

In 1990, the Foundation made substantial grants to leading universities in South Africa for the primary purpose of supporting education at the graduate level for larger numbers of Black South Africans in universities inside the country.

Cooperation with other organizations

Universities of Cape Town, Fort Hare, Durban-Westville, the North, Transkei, the Western Cape and Witwatersrand

Update

In February 1991, a small delegation sponsored by the Foundation went to South Africa to explore a wide range of questions pertaining to the future of higher education in that country.

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Introduction

Aurora's South African Higher Education Programme (SAHEP) is the largest scholarship programme for Black South Africans administered by an African-American organization. Since its founding in 1983, SAHEP has provided placement, financial, academic and social support for more than 300 undergraduate, master's degree-level, and doctor's degree-level students in the United States. SAHEP is funded through United States Agency for International Development and university contributions. Aurora's South African Leadership Training Seminars are intensive nine-day "hands-on" workshops in management, administration, planning, organizational development, and leadership issues designed to augment formal academic programmes.

Aurora maintains strong consultative links with community-based organizations, universities, and political groupings within South Africa to insure the ongoing relevance of its programmes. In addition to its South African programmes, Aurora conducts community development, youth services, health services, education, and management training programmes in Swaziland, Malawi and other countries in Southern and Western Africa and in the United States.

Programmes

The South African Higher Education Programme; the South African Leadership Training Seminars

Cooperation with other organizations

Education Opportunity Council; The Institute of International Education; National Council of Negro Women.

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Introduction

As an independent body within the Foreign Affairs and Trade portfolio, the Australian International Development Assistance Bureau (AIDAB) is the Australian Government's agency responsible for the delivery of the official development assistance programme.

Programmes

AIDAB has provided fully and partially funded bursaries at the secondary and tertiary levels in Kenya, Nigeria, the United Republic of Tanzania and Zimbabwe as well as in South Africa for Black South Africans disadvantaged by apartheid. In addition, fully funded scholarships are granted in Australia for the same target group in agriculture, education, health and commerce at the tertiary level.

Cooperation with other organizations

Australian and in-region non-governmental organizations, Australian educational institutions and United Nations Educational and Training Programme for Southern Africa.

Update

In 1990/91, approximately 1,720 students were assisted under these programmes.

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Introduction

Established by Archbishop Desmond Tutu in 1984, the Southern African Scholarship Fund is a programme of the Phelps Stokes Fund, offering scholarships for Southern African students.

Programmes

The Fund provides full scholarships, tuition waivers (some with placement), emergency grants/loans to South African and Namibian students in the fields of science, business, technical and health professions in the United States.

Cooperation with other organizations

American colleges and universities, the Phelps Stokes Fund.

Update

Thirty students are currently enrolled in the programme and more than 200 are assisted each year.

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Established in 1989, the Bishop Simeon CR Trust helps to meet the educational needs of South African students at the pre-higher education level.

Programmes

Youngsters inside South Africa are selected by a committee for studying in the United Kingdom at pre-university levels.

Cooperation with other organizations

South African Education Group, Christian Aid, Church Support Groups for South Africa in the United Kingdom.

Update

As of June 1991, the Trust is funding nine students.

In addition to bringing students to the United Kingdom, the Trust plans to also aid educational upgrading courses and outreach programmes in South Africa.

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The Trust was set up in 1981 by the British Defence and Aid Fund for Southern Africa to provide scholarship assistance to South African and Namibian exiles for education, mainly in the United Kingdom programme.

Programmes

The Trust focuses on the sciences, engineering, electronics, accountancy, agriculture, public administration, management, education and post-graduate medicine.

Update

In 1991, the Trust started to fund students in South Africa largely through the universities there and is working on group projects for the development of staff skills at an historically Black university, for the training of counsellors and management training.

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Established in 1936, the Ford Foundation works mainly by granting funds to governmental and non-governmental institutions for the advancement of international peace and human welfare.

Programmes

In South Africa, grants are made to support projects that increase access to higher education. Funding is focused on preparing Black students for university work, matching Black student interns with senior faculty mentors and recruiting Blacks for graduate programmes leading to future academic careers.

Other programmes include fellowships to enable Black South Africans to study in the United States, and training programmes for South African refugees living abroad to qualify for employment in their host African countries.

Cooperation with other organizations

South African Committee on Higher Education Trust, Institute of International Education, University of Natal, University of the Western Cape, University of Witwatersrand, African-American Institute.

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Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government has undertaken a dynamic Programme on South Africa. Following two trips by Kennedy School faculty in spring and summer of 1991, a decision was made that there was an appropriate and important role to be played by an academic institution with expertise in public administration and management, in providing assistance and training to various parties, and support for key institution-building as part of the transition to a democratic government. The culmination of this initial phase of the Programme was an intensive workshop on teaching public administration and leadership sponsored by the Programme on South Africa in January 1992 at the University of the Western Cape, at which 10 Kennedy School faculty were joined by 45 academics from 18 South African universities, technikons and colleges in an interactive six-day programme utilizing the case-method of teaching. The Programme is now embarking on a broad range of activities, as described below.

Programmes

1. Development of a model of the South African civil service, including articulation of the legislative and regulatory context within which it functions, and series of in-country briefings for various stakeholders, featuring examination of consequences of alternative scenarios for transition in the public sector, including concomitant training requirements.

2. Conduct of a pilot executive training programme in public administration and public policy focused on leadership and management issues, including diagnostic analysis. The two to three days workshop will involve from 25 to 35 participants and a larger number of observers drawn from the Government, the African National Congress of South Africa and other political

organizations, the Convention for a Democratic South Africa working groups, civic organizations and other interest groups.

3. Addressing capacity-building and faculty development within programmes of public administration and management by providing advanced training for South African administrators at all levels of government. The programme will also include training fellowships at United States institutions for promising young faculty from Black universities, and creation of an incentive fund to provide resources to attract and retain talented South African academics in these institutions.

4. Development of a case-writing programme to produce indigenous South African curricular materials.

Cooperation with other organizations

The Educational Opportunities Council and rectors of traditionally Black universities of South Africa, individuals and institutions associated with the New Public Administration Initiative in South Africa, South African faculty.

Update

Second Harvard Workshop on Teaching Leadership and Public Administration to be held in January 1993. This will be similar to the January 1991 workshop.

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Introduction

The Institute of International Education (IIE) is a not-for-profit organization founded in 1919 to promote understanding among nations through international educational exchange and training programmes.

A. CAREER DEVELOPMENT FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

Programmes

Launched in 1987, the South African Career Development Fellowship Program (CDFP) awards short-term non-degree fellowships to Black South African professionals, placing them at United States colleges and universities for up to six months of intense training. Fellows work with faculty mentors to design and implement training programmes tailored to specific objectives for strengthening their work in South Africa, including the areas of social work, community organization, clinical psychology, trade unionism, physics education, small enterprise development, and journalism. Recruitment and selection of fellows are conducted by the Economic Opportunity Council (EOC) in South Africa.

Cooperation with other organizations

EOC, University of California, other United States colleges and universities.

Update

In 1987, 31 fellows completed programmes at participating colleges and universities. Since then, 155 participants have undertaken fellowships. An additional 65 fellows are expected to be placed in CDFP's fourth year.

B. CHURCH LEADERS DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

Programmes

The Church Leaders Development Project aims to provide for clergy and church leaders the opportunity to pursue graduate studies at participating universities and seminaries in the United States and to gain practical pastoral and community service experience as well.

Update

During the 1991/92 academic year, five clergy and church officers are enrolled in the programme. To date, a total of 35 have received master's degrees.

C. SOUTH AFRICAN EDUCATION PROGRAM

Programmes

Since its inception in 1979, the South African Education Program (SAEP) has awarded full academic scholarships to South Africans disadvantaged by apartheid in a wide range of fields of study, from agriculture, business administration, education, economics to engineering, law, mathematics, the sciences and related disciplines.

When possible, SAEP provides graduate and senior undergraduate students with opportunities to gain practical work experience in their fields through corporate internships.

Cooperation with other organizations

United Nations Educational and Training Programme for Southern Africa, the Educational Opportunities Council, United States universities.

Update

Since its inception, a total of 907 students have received assistance from SAEP.

In the 1990/91 academic year, 39 SAEP students had completed degrees.

D. SOUTH AFRICAN LAW PROGRAM

Programmes

Created in 1989, the South African Law Program (SALP) provides support for Black South African lawyers annually to pursue master's degrees (LLM) at United States law schools and a short post-degree internship to prepare them for future careers as trial attorneys and law professors.

Cooperation with other organizations

Africare, African-American Institute, Phelps Stokes Fund.

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Introduction

Founded in 1986 by European and Canadian non-governmental organizations, Interfund is an international fund-raising consortium which supports education, training and development projects in South Africa.

Programmes

In 1992-93, through its core programme, Interfund will be supporting 62 education, training and development programmes in South Africa in the fields of innovative education, literacy, development, media, health, conflict resolution and pre-school education.

Cooperation with other organizations

Interfund's principal donors are the Governments of Norway, Denmark and Canada, who channel funds through Interfund's members. A special consultative relationship has been developed with the National Education Coordinating Committee (NECC), an umbrella body which brings together all the key community organizations directly involved in education.

Update

Interfund programmes will be serviced by its Johannesburg office and its London head office. Interfund's estimated budget for 1992 will be approximately 5 million pounds.

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The International Labour Organisation (ILO) programmes assist the victims of apartheid in pursuing vocational training and studies in labour administration, rural development, small enterprise development and provide technical, advisory and consultancy services.

Programmes

In 1990/91, ILO arranged study tours, consultations, seminars, orientation visits, management training and office administration courses for South African labour activists, members of liberation movements and women's organizations. Seven fellowships were also provided.

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Introduction

Established in 1975, the Market Theatre Foundation (United States of America) provides support to the Market Theatre in South Africa to train Black South Africans in the theatrical arts.

Programmes

The educational trust fund provides full tuition waivers to selected applicants to complete their degree in the theatrical arts at Black South African universities. It also provides support for non-degree training in theatre techniques leading to a career in the theatre.

The Laboratory Township Programme affords marginalized youths in townships or rural areas opportunities for practical skill training to work in the arts.

Cooperation with other organizations

The Rockefeller Foundation

Update

Since 1989, 75 students have completed the programmes and have been employed.

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Introduction

Medical Education for South African Blacks, Inc. (MESAB) is a private voluntary organization helping to prepare for a new, democratic South Africa by training South African Black health professionals in South Africa.

Programmes

MESAB's Scholarship Programme is a top priority in its effort to increase the number of well-trained health professionals by providing full scholarships to students just beginning their university careers in the fields of health care. In addition, the Sullivan Scholarships are awarded annually to one fourth-year African medical student at eight universities. In 1991, the Mickey Leland Pharmacy Scholarship Programme provided scholarship funds to 38 pharmacy students at five universities in South Africa.

MESAB's other programmes include a Mentor Programme to match senior students to help newcomers with their studies; rural outreach; and nursing education.

Grants are made to individuals through bursaries to universities.

Cooperation with other organizations

University of Cape Town, University of Durban-Westville, Medical University of Southern Africa, University of Natal, Rhodes University, University of Stellenbosch, University of the Western Cape, University of Witwatersrand.

Update

In 1992 1.5 million of rand in scholarships were awarded to over 500 students. Two more Sullivan Scholarships were awarded, bringing the total to six.

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Introduction

Established in 1986 with the leadership of Tufts University and the New England Board of Higher Education (NEBHE), the Open Society Scholars Fund (OSSF) seeks to advance international understanding and contribute to South Africa's rapidly emerging non-racial society.

Programmes

OSSF is a scholarship programme connecting American colleges, organizations and individuals with Black students enrolled at South Africa's five open universities, the Universities of Cape Town, Natal, the Western Cape, Witwatersrand and Rhodes.

The programme is administered by the University of Cape Town Fund. Grants are not made to individuals but through the South African universities.

Cooperation with other organizations

Nearly 50 American institutions participate in the programme at present, including 23 from NEBHE.

Update

From 1986 to 1992, 432 grants were made.

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Introduction

The Otto Benecke Stiftung e.V. (OBS e.V.) is a German foundation which has been running programmes in the field of training of refugees for more than 25 years. It is politically neutral by its statutes and aims at supporting people in the field of education and training, who, for ethnic, racial, religious or political reasons, are restricted in their rights as human beings. Since 1978, OBS e.V. has been executing training programmes for refugees from Southern Africa with more than 3,000 participants so far. More than 900 of the participants were refugees from South Africa.

Programmes

Refugees from South Africa have been granted educational assistance in Germany, Kenya, the United Republic of Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe. The programmes have been conducted in the fields of vocational training and university studies. They also include pre-training preparatory courses, educational and social counselling, reintegration preparation and support and follow-up contacts.

Financial support for these programmes is given by the German Government.

Cooperation with other organizations

OBS e.V. cooperates with the Commonwealth Secretariat, the Norwegian Refugee Council, the United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, etc.

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Introduction

The Phelps-Stokes Fund was established in 1911 to administer an $800,000 bequest from Caroline Phelps-Stokes. It has been sponsoring scholarship programmes for African students since 1947. Kwame Nkrumah was among them. In 1976 the Fund, in partnership with the United States State Department, developed the Southern African Refugee Scholarship Programme for South African and Namibian student refugees. Under this programme, over 300 students were brought to the United States for education and training.

Programmes

The Southern African Refugee Scholarship Programme provides students exiled from their homelands in South Africa and Namibia with tuition (provided by college attended), personal maintenance, books, local travel and transportation to and from Africa. Twenty-one South Africans and four Namibians are enrolled every year in historically Black colleges and universities and in other American institutions. They study in the fields of science, business, technology and health care to obtain university undergraduate degrees. Besides the Southern African Refugee Scholarship Programme, the Fund also funds and administers the Bishop Desmond Tutu Southern African Scholarship Programme, Exchange Programmes, the African Student Advisory Programme and the Centre for Human Development.

Cooperation with other organizations

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Introduction

The Rockefeller Brothers Fund was founded in 1940 as a vehicle for charitable activities and philanthropies. In 1990, the Fund established new grant-making programmes concerned with basic education in South Africa by supporting projects which provide a range of fundamental learning skills for children and adults.

Programmes

Most grants are for projects which help South Africans, especially those who are most disadvantaged, acquire fundamental learning skills such as literacy and numeracy.

The Primary Math Education Project, located at the University of Cape Town, provides in-service training for primary school mathematics teachers in squatter camps. The Teacher's Action Research Project at the University of the Western Cape helps teachers in disadvantaged communities learn to evaluate their own performance. Grants are also made to other projects including the Early Learning Resource Unit, the Adult Basic Education Programme and programmes by National Literacy Cooperation.

Except for the Rockefeller Brothers Fund Fellowships, the Fund does not make grants to individuals nor does it support research, graduate study or the writing of books or dissertations by individuals.

Cooperation with other organizations

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Introduction

The Skills for South Africa Network is composed of non-governmental organizations (NGOs) from Commonwealth countries. Its aim is to coordinate activities in education and training, and work experience opportunities to selected South Africans disadvantaged by apartheid, especially in terms of the implementation of the report of the Commonwealth Expert Group on Human Resource Development for a Post-Apartheid South Africa.

Programmes

Network partners have offered training, both as individual placements and group courses, in public administration, NGO management, sports administration, and work experience placements in the public and private sectors.

In the United Kingdom, since 1987, 183 individual fellows have received training and work experience. One hundred and twenty-five trainees have gone to Canada for individual work experience. In New Zealand, power engineers have been given two years enhanced training and work experience. In Australia, private sector placements have begun in industry, business, medical care and the arts.

Cooperation with other organizations

Australia South Africa Training Trust, Southern Africa Education Trust Fund (Canada), Southern Africa Advanced Education Project (United Kingdom), Africa Information Centre (New Zealand), United Nations Association of Singapore, Zimbabwe Institute for Southern Africa.

Update

In the near future, training is envisaged for small business management, media, and diplomats. More training courses will take place within South Africa, complementing training which, up to now, has been offered in the Southern African region. In some cases, they will be followed by work experience placements in developed countries.

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Introduction

The Southern Africa Education Trust Fund (SAETF), an independent Canadian charity founded in 1988 and supported by the Government, provides Canadian-based education and training programmes for Black South Africans.

Programmes

SAETF supports four main kinds of programmes: (a) academic scholarships for advanced studies at Canadian universities; (b) work experience and informal training through attachments to Canadian industry, trade unions, and non-governmental organizations (NGOs); (c) creating partnerships by sponsoring visits to Canada by South Africans to develop programmes with Canadian counterparts; and (d) training in South Africa by seconding Canadian trainers to NGOs there.

The areas of training have been agriculture; arts and humanities; communications; education; engineering and technology; geology, mining, and metallurgy; finance and credit; health and nutrition; human settlements and urban development; law; management and administration; and social sciences.

Cooperation with other organizations

Skills for South Africa Network, South African Reference Group, Inter-Agency Working Groups on Southern Africa.

Update

While it will continue to consider the scholarship programme for post-graduates important, SAETF, instead of remaining a standard bursary-granting agency, is strengthening short-term training programmes with South African partnership organizations.

It has trained 144 people in three years in programmes lasting from a few weeks to a year.

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Introduction

Southern African Freedom through Education Foundation (SAFTE) works to provide Southern African students with the opportunity to pursue degrees in technical fields at one of California's institutions of higher education.

Programmes

SAFTE provides college scholarships for South African students to enter a community college transfer programme from which they will enroll at a baccalaureate institution.

Cooperation with other organizations

African-American Institute, United Nations Educational and Training Programme for Southern Africa.

Update

In 1989, SAFTE brought four individuals over from the front-line States (two Namibians and two South Africans).

Currently there are 12 students in the programme.

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Introduction

The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) helps South African children and women with resources for health, nutrition, emergency relief, formal and non-formal education and early childhood care and development, advocacy and social mobilization.

Programmes

UNICEF assistance to South African children and women dates back to 1974, in response to and in accordance with the relevant resolutions passed by the General Assembly requesting organizations of the United Nations to provide assistance to national liberation movements and to the people of South Africa suffering under the apartheid régime. Over the years, this has been supported through advocacy and the mobilization of donor support, both directly and through publications such as Children on the Front Line.

Cooperation with other organizations

In accordance with relevant United Nations resolutions, UNICEF's present Programme of Cooperation (1990-1992) is, with the National Children's Rights Committee (NCRC), an umbrella organization of over 200 concerned democratic non-racial non-governmental organizations (NGOs). The programme has the following main components: a situation analysis study to help determine the priority needs of children and women in South Africa; a children's rights social mobilization project to assist anti-apartheid NGOs to improve the effectiveness of their efforts and activities within the framework of the 1989 United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, and direct support to victims of apartheid. Cooperation with NCRC will continue in the 1992-1994 Programme, with efforts toward broadening partnership with other NGOs, and in due time, in accordance with United Nations resolutions, with the new democratic, non-racial South African government of the day.

Update

A new Country Programme Recommendation 1992-1994, (E/ICEF/1992/P/L.6) has been drawn up in accordance with and in response to the new consensus resolution on South Africa (46/79 A of 13 December 1991) and will be submitted to the UNICEF Executive Board in June 1992 for approval. The programme's broad objectives are to contribute toward:

(a) The rehabilitation of livelihoods, especially with regard to returnees and internally displaced people, victims of violence and the drought emergency;

(b) The ongoing and continuous process of assessing the situation of children and women and the use of data thus generated to facilitate improved public policy formulation and implementation;

(c) The promotion of legislation and public policies that guarantee the rights of children and women;

(d) The critical process of capacity building and human resource development, to include data collection and analysis, to improve planning and implementation, as well as the establishment and strengthening of a continuous system of monitoring of social indicators on children, youth and women.

Within the 1992-94 Programme of Cooperation's broad objectives, UNICEF, pursuant to its commitment to assisting countries to reach the global goal of education for all by the year 2000, will assist efforts aimed at attaining the unification, restructuring, and development of a coherent and more effective basic education policy; developing new and more relevant curricula; formulating strategies to increase access to education; improving teacher reorientation and training; and developing and producing appropriate learning and teaching materials. Special attention will be given to underserved communities, i.e., children and parents in the "homelands" and poorest townships. Education for national reconciliation will constitute a major theme for both formal and non-formal education, with a special emphasis on the promotion of the culture of learning and peace. Equally important will be assistance to early childhood development programme activities, especially in at-risk communities, in order to improve child care practices, as well as the health and cognitive development of infants and pre-schoolers.

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Introduction

Objectives: To develop human resources through professional training and formal education to prepare members of national liberation movements to assume technical, managerial and administrative positions.

Programmes

The total planning of the United Nations Development Programme figure for its Fifth Cycle Programme for Assistance to national liberation movements is $12 million United States dollars.

Cooperation with other organizations

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The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) provides full scholarships, tuition waivers and placement to students from primary to doctorate levels of education and training at African, European and sometimes United States institutions.

Programmes

UNESCO sponsors 465 South Africans and 10 Namibians.

Cooperation with other organizations

Projects funded by the United Nations Development Programme, trust funds, British Council, Commission natonale française, Institute for National Planning, Commission générale/Rélations internationales de la communauté française (Belgium), CBIE (Canada), etc.

Update

Publications:

Curricula: Mathematics, Science, English, Arts and Crafts, Home Economics. Special publications: Race, class and apartheid (H. Wolpe, 1988); End game in South Africa (R. Cohen, 1986) and others.

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Introduction

The United Nations Educational and Training Programme for Southern Africa (UNETPSA) was established by the General Assembly in resolution 2349 (XXII) of 19 December 1967 by integrating earlier special programmes which rendered assistance for education and training abroad to persons from Namibia, South Africa, Southern Rhodesia (now Zimbabwe) and the Territories under Portuguese administration in Africa. Following the independence of many of these countries, UNETPSA now grants new awards only to nationals of South Africa and to nationals of Namibia for a transitional period, which will end on 31 December 1992.

The basic purpose of the Programme is to contribute to human resources development for a non-racial, democratic and united South Africa. In December 1991 General Assembly resolution 46/80 was adopted, which, inter alia, authorized UNETPSA to initiate, in an appropriate manner, educational and training programmes inside South Africa.

UNETPSA now provides assistance both inside South Africa and abroad for studies at the higher secondary level, for university education, technical and vocational training, specialized short-term training and internship programmes.

Programmes

The Programme has recently embarked on projects both inside South Africa and abroad which aim at (a) building up the institutional capacity of non-governmental organizations, particularly historically Black and other universities and communities; (b) providing Black leadership skills training in order to facilitate the transition to a non-racial and democratic South Africa; (c) training Black lawyers, judges etc. for the effective administration of justice in a post-apartheid society; and (d) providing post-graduate and short-term specialized training in high-technology and other lead sectors of the economy that are not readily available in South Africa.

Priority fields of study that are currently sponsored by UNETPSA are as follows: accounting, business management, educational management, teacher training, mining, mechanical, civil, chemical engineering, dentistry, medicine, nursing, pharmacy, public health, law, sciences (including computer science, chemistry, mathematics, physics, bio-technology, etc.), high- and mid-level management; agricultural sciences; public administration, policy analysis and planning; and communications and information technology. These priority fields are reviewed from time to time to adjust to human resources requirements in South Africa.

Cooperation with other organizations

In addition to the close cooperation it has with the United Nations Development Programme and the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, the Programme maintains liaison with specialized agencies of the United Nations, with the Organization of African Unity and with other agencies assisting Black South African students, notably the Commonwealth Secretariat, the African-American Institute, the World University Service, the Institute of International Education and the South African Education Trust Fund of Canada. Inside South Africa, UNETPSA has co-sponsorship arrangements with the Africa Scholarship Fund, the Bursary Council of South Africa, the Education Assistance Programme of the Education Development Fund, the Lawyers for Human Rights, Witwatersrand University, Fort Hare University and the Equal Opportunities Council. Consultations are under way for the first half of 1993 for the co-sponsorship of awards through the South African Council of Churches and the Southern African Catholic Bishops Council.

Update

At the end of the 1990/91 academic year, there were 1,278 students sponsored by the Programme throughout the world. Almost 73 per cent of them were South Africans and about 27 per cent Namibians. About 76 per cent of all students sponsored by the Programme were placed in Africa, close to 19 per cent in North America and 5 per cent in Asia, Europe and the Caribbean. From 1968 to 1990, nearly 35,000 applications for assistance were received by the Programme. Seven thousand nine hundred sixty-seven new awards were granted, while 15,721 other awards were extended. More than 7,000 students have so far completed their studies and returned home for the most part.

Brochures and other publications on UNETPSA can be obtained from the United Nations Centre against Apartheid, Room 3275, United Nations, New York, New York 10017.

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Introduction

Educational assistance to Southern African refugee students through the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR).

Programmes

UNHCR provides scholarship assistance to Refugee Students from South Africa at the primary and secondary levels as well as in vocational training. Almost all UNHCR refugee students under this programme are in Africa.

Cooperation with other organizations

Operates independently and with other United Nations organizations.

Update

Due to the massive Repatriation Programme of South Africans to South Africa, statistics on the number of refugee students of South African nationality of origin who received educational assistance in the academic year 1991/92 is not yet available.

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Programmes

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Programmes

The Andover Bread Loaf Writing Workshops for Black South African Teachers, the Entrepreneur Exchange Programs, the Community Leader Training Program, the Trial Advocacy Skills Training Program are some of USSALEP's major programmes for executive, community, and grassroots leadership training of Black South Africans in areas of journalism, law, business, and academia, and individual exchanges of persons in leadership roles.

Cooperation with other organizations

Johns Hopkins University, School of Advanced International Studies Fellowship; Harvard University Nieman Fellowship; Partners in International Education and Training

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Introduction

Since 1987, the University of California has worked collaboratively with the Educational Opportunities Council (EOC) and the Institute of International Education (IIE) to administer the South African Career Development Fellowship Program (CDFP).

Programmes

CDFP provides short-term (three to nine months) non-degree, individually-tailored training to Black South Africans who have either worked in their profession or engaged in community development activities for at least five years.

Cooperation with other organizations

IIE, EOC.

Update

CDFP's East Coast partner, IIE, has advised the Program that they have firm funding for 30 fellows and are hoping to place at least another 10.

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The University of Cape Town Fund, Inc. (UCT) raises and provides financial support for the University of Cape Town's Black advancement initiatives.

Programmes

Grants to the University are primarily in the areas of scholarship and multiracial housing at the undergraduate and post-graduate levels for Black students. Grants are not made to individuals.

Cooperation with other organizations

Open Society Scholars Fund

Update

Through its various programmes, UCT Fund has made over $3 million in grants for open education in South Africa since its founding in 1985.

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University Scholarships for South African Students (USSAS) was established in 1990 and is a voluntary organization for the purpose of raising money to fund scholarships at South African universities for Black South African students.

Programmes

USSAS provides scholarships for one to three years university studies inside South Africa.

No grants are made to individuals. Selection is conducted by the Educational Aid Programme in Cape Town and the University of Durban-Westville in Durban.

Cooperation with other organizations

The Student Services Centre in Woodstock, Cape Town and the University of Durban-Westville in South Africa

Update

For the academic year 1991, USSAS has granted two full 3-year scholarships and seven one-year scholarships.

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Introduction

The Urban Foundation (United States of America), Inc., supports the work of the Urban Foundation of South Africa in education, economic opportunity, urbanization, including community development, community resource centres, housing and elimination of unjust discriminatory legislation.

Programmes

Established the Education Policy and System Change Unit (Edupol) in 1990 to focus on teacher development, education for work, governance of education and resources for education in South Africa.

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Introduction

The World Bank began working on education in South Africa in April 1991. Currently, assistance is provided in research and policy analysis, and highly focused policy seminars to expose policy makers and educators to lessons of global experience relevant to South Africa's needs, as well as to build consensus on key policy issues.

Programmes

Sector work in collaboration with extra-parliamentary groups; technical assistance through seminars conducted by both the Southern Africa Department and the Economic Development Institute.

Cooperation with other organizations

Various local counterparts, notably extra-parliamentary groups, Kagiso Trust, Independent Development Trust, Development Bank of South Africa, universities and donor agencies.

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Programmes

World University Service of Canada (WUSC) has cooperated with the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) on the development of educational initiatives in South Africa since 1984. The Education Program for South Africa prepares Black South Africans for leadership roles in a post-apartheid South Africa through the provision of scholarships at South African universities as well as institutions in Southern Africa and Canada.

Cooperation with other organizations

Interfund, South Africa Reference Group.

Update

WUSC'S field office will closely monitor the progress of Interfund projects in South Africa and work towards developing a more focused programme in the future. In addition to direct financial support to its project partners, WUSC expects to provide technical assistance to develop linkages within and between South African organizations and those in the region of the Southern Africa Development Coordination Conference.

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Programmes

Scholarship Programme for South Africans provides full scholarships to South African students on all levels of tertiary education in the priority fields of study in low-cost, mainly African countries for 1,013 students.

Cooperation with other organizations

Other agencies, local scholarship coordinating committees. The donors are Nordic countries and the Swiss Government.

Update

World University Service (WUS) International publications are: WUS and Human Rights Bulletin, Academic Freedom 1990 Report, Report of Activities, Reports of Seminars and Workshops.

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Programmes

The Southern African Scholarship Programme was started in 1980 and is funded from Scandinavian Governments and the European Community budget line for front-line States. Its students range from "access level" (bridging) to post-graduate. It has one or two doctorate in philosophy scholars. It welcomes requests in the science and technical fields, and has a few in the performing arts. There are currently 39 students on that programme.

World University Service (WUS) of the United Kingdom campaigns to promote The Southern African Campus Scholarship Scheme, which has been running since the early 1960s. Students are placed in British universities and polytechnics, which waive tuition and raise the maintenance funds.

Cooperation with other organizations

National Education Coordination Committee, Kagiso Trust, the World University Service office in Cape Town and Interfund, and, possibly, combining with WUS/Geneva on a programme for returnees.

Update

WUS does not have plans to administer scholarships in South Africa, but believes they should continue in the United Kingdom.